

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims are as follows:

1. (Original) An imaging apparatus, comprising:

i) a planar electrostatic recording material, which records image information as an electrostatic latent image, and which generates electric currents in accordance with the electrostatic latent image when a read-out surface of the planar electrostatic recording material is scanned with a reading electromagnetic wave,

ii) a flat plate-shaped substrate, which supports the electrostatic recording material from a side of the read-out surface, and which has permeability with respect to the reading electromagnetic wave, and

iii) a flat plate-shaped base plate for supporting the flat plate-shaped substrate from a side opposite to a surface of the substrate, on which surface the electrostatic recording material is formed, the flat plate-shaped base plate having a rigidity higher than the rigidity of the substrate and having permeability with respect to the reading electromagnetic wave.

2. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 1 wherein the base plate has a coefficient of thermal expansion approximately identical with the coefficient of thermal expansion of the substrate.

3. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 1 wherein the base plate has a refractive index approximately identical with the refractive index of the substrate.

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4. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 2 wherein the base plate has a refractive index approximately identical with the refractive index of the substrate.

5. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein a surface of the base plate and a surface of the substrate, which surfaces stand facing each other, are adhered by an adhesive agent to each other.

6. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein an anti-reflection coating layer for preventing reflection of the reading electromagnetic wave is formed on a light entry face of the base plate, upon which light entry face the reading electromagnetic wave is incident.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus defined in Claim 1 wherein the base plate is disposed towards the side opposite to the read-out surface of the flat plate-shaped substrate, on which surface the electrostatic recording material is formed.